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Terrorism

Pan Am Hijack — In the aftermath of the killing of at least 18 people by the hijackers of a Pan Am airliner, Pakistani President Ziaul Haq announced at a news conference reported by Karachi radio that the four Palestinian hijackers will be punished in accordance with Pakistani law. Zia rebutted Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's criticisms of Pakistan's handling of the situation, asserting that Gandhi will change his view when he knows the facts. Very serious consequences would have followed if Pakistani commandos had failed to take timely action, he said, maintaining that Pakistani special servicemen went into action as soon as the hijackers began shooting passengers. Zia also stressed that no connection between the terrorists and any government has thus far been proven, adding that he is "very happy" with his meeting in Harare with Libyan leader Colonel Mu'ammar al-Qadhdhafi, who assured him that Libya had nothing to do with the hijacking.

Tripoli radio also reported on Al-Qadhdhafi's meeting with Zia and Rajiv Gandhi, asserting that the Libyan leader "refuted the tendentious allegations of U.S. imperialism which try to link the Great Jamahiriyah to the hijacked Pan Am aircraft." The radio also carried a statement on the hijacking by JANA's political editor, who stressed that Libya had "no connection whatsoever" with the hijacking and expressed Libya's "surprise" at reports that the "Libyan Revolutionary Cells" had claimed responsibility. Such tactics are part of attempts by the CIA and Israel's Mosad to create "feeble pretexts to justify aggression" against Libya, the JANA editor added.

In Beirut, the "Martyr Zulfikar 'Ali Bhutto group" of the "Soldiers of God" claimed responsibility for the hijacking in a statement sent to the newspaper *Al-Nahar* 5 September, Beirut radio reported. In Israel, *The Jerusalem Post* noted that the hijack followed reports that members of the terrorist group led by Sabri al-Banna, alias Abu Nidal, had been sighted in the Karachi area.

Istanbul Synagogue Attack — Twenty-four people were killed in a 6 September attack on Jews praying at an Istanbul synagogue, Ankara radio reported, disclosing that the two Arabs who carried out the attack died in the building. A Turkish Government statement cited by ANATOLIA emphasized that the Istanbul and Karachi terrorist incidents underline the need for concerted international action against terrorism.

Responding to the synagogue attack, Israeli Prime Minister Shim'on Peres told Jerusalem television that Israel "will not sit still until we cut off these murderers, the likes of whom we have not known since the Nazis." Jerusalem radio broadcast Defense Minister Yitzhaq Rabin's remark that the massacre was almost certainly carried out by an organization linked with the Palestinians, if not a Palestinian organization proper. Israeli military sources cited by *The Jerusalem Post* said there was a "better than good chance" that Abu Nidal's group was responsible.

In Lebanon, Voice of Lebanon radio announced that it had received a call from an anonymous person in Cyprus who claimed responsibility for the Istanbul attack on behalf of Abu Nidal's organization. AFP noted other claims of responsibility on behalf of the following groups: Islamic Jihad; the "Fighting Internationalist Front-Martyr 'Amrush Group;" the Union of the Arab North Organization; and the Palestinian Revenge Organization. Another group, the Islamic Resistance, denied a claim that it was responsible, the agency reported.

As for Libya's reaction to the Istanbul attack, JANA said that Libyans "respect Judaism as a religion," adding that they bear "no hostility" to Jews throughout the world and "do not agree" with attacks on such innocent people. Although Radio Monte Carlo cited a "Libyan radio" report that the Istanbul synagogue was an Israeli intelligence center, monitored Libyan media were not observed to mention this.

In Iran, Prime Minister Mir Hoseyn Musavi condemned both the Karachi hijacking and the Istanbul attack, Tehran radio reported, but he accused the United States of perpetrating these incidents in an attempt to open the way for "aggression" and "state terrorism." For the PLO's part, Fatah Central Committee member Salah Khalaf reaffirmed the PLO's official rejection of attacks outside Israeli-occupied territories, according to KUNA, and he said the PLO condemns the actions in Karachi and Istanbul, even if they were sponsored by Palestinian, Arab, or Islamic groups.

Terrorist Attempt in Paris — The "Committee for Solidarity With Arab and Middle Eastern Political Prisoners" claimed responsibility for the 4 September abortive bomb attempt on the Paris metro, Paris radio disclosed, noting that the organization threatened further actions if France does not release three terrorists.

Israel

A government crisis caused by Industry and Commerce Minister Ari'el Sharon's statement in the wake of the Istanbul massacre was resolved after Sharon rescinded his remarks and made it clear that there is no connection between Israel's desire for peace and the murder of Jews in Istanbul, Jerusalem radio reported. The radio noted that the row between Sharon and Prime Minister Peres was sparked by Sharon's remark that Israel's "incessant running after questionable and baseless peace plans" has undermined its defense and made Jews in Israel and abroad "more vulnerable to Palestinian terror." Peres had responded by stopping cabinet proceedings until Sharon revoked his remarks, IDF radio noted.

Libya

U.S. Attack "Imminent" — JANA on 6 September quoted a report from an Arabic-language radio in Paris that a U.S. attack on Libya was to take place "within the next few hours." U.S. warship movements in the area were thought to be part of the preparation for the attack, the agency continued.

Al-Qadhdhafi in Uganda — In a 6 September press conference given after his arrival in Kampala from the Harare nonaligned summit, Col al-Qadhdhafi stressed that Libya will lend support in any battle Uganda fights, Voice of Greater Arab Homeland radio reported. Al-Qadhdhafi conferred with the Ugandan president in a "closed meeting" the next day, Tripoli radio disclosed.

PLO/Palestinians

Contact With Al-Qadhdhafi Claimed — During a 4 September talk in Harare at the nonaligned summit, PLO Executive Chairman Yasir 'Arafat and Col al-Qadhdhafi discussed a new effort by the PLO to normalize Libyan-Tunisian relations, according to unnamed sources cited by KUNA. The next day Al-Qadhdhafi conferred with Faruq Qaddumi, chief of the PLO Political Department, Sanaa Voice of Palestine claimed.

Syria-Abu Nidal Dissension — Syria has allegedly ordered most of Abu Nidal's group in Damascus to leave, according to an article in the UAE's *Al-Ittihad* cited by AFP. The expelled Fatah dissidents went to Greece, the article continued, adding that Abu Nidal's links with Damascus are suffering a "severe crisis."

Amman Agreement Said Inoperative — A statement issued in Beirut after talks in Prague by Fatah, the DFLP, and the Palestine Communist Party announced that the Amman agreement of 1985 is "null and void," Radio Monte Carlo reported. PLO-Jordan relations must be based on the 1974 Rabat summit resolutions, the statement added. The three factions stressed the need to adhere to the PLO's political program, according to QNA.

Fatah Arrests in Amman — Western sources cited by *The Jerusalem Post* claimed that Jordanian security forces recently arrested several Fatah activists in Amman, after documents referring to anti-Jordanian activity were discovered in Fatah offices closed 2 months ago.

Lebanon

Beirut radio reported that the Israeli Navy reimposed its blockade of Sidon port 7 September, adding that a state of emergency has been declared in the nearby Palestinian camps for fear of an Israeli attack.

In Beirut, gunmen from Hizballah and the Amal Movement clashed in 7 September fighting which spread to parts of the southern suburb, Voice of Lebanon radio reported. The "security setback" was contained as a result of a joint Amal-Hizballah meeting at the Iranian Embassy, according to the Voice of National Resistance radio.

Syria

President Hafiz al-Asad received visiting U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy, reiterating Syria's "firm stand" on a Middle East peace conference sponsored by the United Nations, Damascus radio reported. Al-Asad told Murphy that any initiatives outside that context would be "futile" and against Arab interests, the radio continued.

Iran-Iraq War

Iraqi warplanes "destroyed" oil refineries and a jetty in a 5 September attack on Iran's Lavan Island, INA announced, citing an Armed Forces communique which described the Lavan facilities as Iran's second largest oil-exporting center after Khark Island. Commenting on the raid, the Iraqi Air Force commander warned of the consequences of oil tankers approaching the Iranian coast, INA reported. In other Gulf activity, Tehran radio claimed that a number of Iraqis were killed during an "intense engagement" in Khawr 'Abdallah waters 7 September. An Iraqi military spokesman denied the Iranian report, terming the battle "fictitious," INA reported.

Sudan

In a speech broadcast by Omdurman radio, Prime Minister al-Sadiq al-Mahdi announced the "dismissal and retirement" of two generals, one of them commander in chief of the Sudanese Armed Forces, and three lieutenant generals. The prime minister also announced his appointment of an acting Armed Forces commander in chief. Although the fight against the rebels in the south has been conducted with "courage and manliness," despite shortages of equipment, a study revealed that "circumstances" prevented the former command from managing the Armed Forces efficiently, the prime minister said. The retirement decree made him "heavy hearted," he continued, adding that he could not disclose the reasons for taking the action at this "sensitive" time. The agriculture minister said the reshuffle had "no connection with any coup attempt," SUNA reported.

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Gandhi Condemns Loss of Life in Plane Seizure

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[Text] Mr Rajiv Gandhi has expressed his profound grief and sorrow at the loss of life in the tragic incident [Pan Am seizure in Karachi]. He expressed his sympathies to the bereaved families and wished the injured speedy recovery. Mr Gandhi described the action of the gunmen as most reprehensible and said it is the duty of entire civilized world to fight such violence to ensure safe air travel.

Chairs Frontline Fund

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1330 GMT 6 Sep 86

[Text] The prime minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, will head the solidarity fund of the Nonaligned Movement to help the Frontline States to overcome the difficulties they are facing as a result of retaliatory measures taken by the racist South African regime. The Zambian president, Dr Kenneth Kaunda, will be the vice chairman. The fund will have nine members. The outlines of the solidarity fund were decided by the foreign ministers of the nonaligned countries at their meeting in Harare last night.

Discusses Seizure, Regional Issues

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[From the "Radio Newsreel" program: Report on Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's 6 September news conference in Harare, passages within quotes recorded]

[Excerpts] The eighth nonaligned summit concludes in Harare today with the adoption of political and economic resolutions. All India Radio special correspondent Harish Segon reporting from Harare says yesterday's hijack incident in which a number of lives were lost cast a gloom over the proceedings of the summjt. [passage omitted]

The prime minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, addressed a news conference in Harare today on the final day of the eighth nonaligned summit. He answered questions on a wide range of subjects, including the outcome of the summit, India's relations with its neighbors, nuclear disarmament, and economic cooperation. Mr Gandhi was asked several questions on yesterday's hijacking of Pan Am airliner at Karachi and the commando operation by the Pakistani security men. The prime minister was highly critical of the manner in which the Pakistani commandos handled the situation. "I do feel that the actions that were taken by the security forces were not of a competent enough nature. I do not believe that the fuel of the power unit just ran out. It was a concerted deliberate action to enter the aircraft and take over from the hijackers. Unfortunately, it was bungled very badly and this has caused the deaths of a number of people, we are still not sure how many. You know, these things happen when proper action is not taken against hijackers, and that has been in the case of Pakistan. They have been encouraging hijackers. They are still holding hijackers who had hijacked aircraft from India. They have tried them but the process is deliberately elongated and no results come. We have positive information which we have handed over to the International Civil Aviation Organization of weapons that had been acquired by Pakistan officially which the hijackers had used for hijackcing our aircraft. It is when hijackers are encouraged in this manner that such incidents take place."

Expressing concern over the nuclear program of Pakistan, the prime minister said: "We are worried about Pakistan's nuclear program. We do not have a nuclear weapon program at our end. We do not intend to make a nuclear weapon although we have had the capability for a long time. We are perhaps the only country in the world which has had the capability and has not produced a nuclear weapon. We have proven our credentials. We don't need to do more than refrain from making a nuclear weapon. We would like all of Pakistan's friends to bring all pressures they can on Pakistan to stop their nuclear program which is clearly a military nuclear program."

On improving Indo-Pak relations, Mr Rajiv Gandhi said Islamabad should show some positive response to India's initiative. "We have been trying to improve relations between India and Pakistan. I had a talk yesterday with President Zia and we have felt that the process that we started last December when President Zia visited India has been slowed down by Pakistan, and it is no slowdown on our side. I explained it to him. On many points he accepted our arguments. We are open to try and improve relations between our two countries. But we must see some positive action from Pakistan. We cannot be doing everything just on our side."

Replying to a question on the ethnic issue in Sri Lanka, the prime minister said the Colombo government will have to have some political guts to solve the problem. Mr Gandhi also categorically stated there are no training camps for Sri Lankan Tamils in India. "Middle of last year, President Jayewardene flew to Delhi and asked me to try and help solve the problem. We referred back to a multiparty meeting that he had where a document was produced, and said that that's a good starting point for anything that you might like to do. He agreed to more or less do everything in that document. Unfortunately, it has taken him 1 and 1/2 years to come around to agreeing to do most of those things. In the meantime, hundreds of thousands of people have perhaps been killed in Sri Lanka. About a couple of weeks ago, the TULF delegation went to Sri Lanka. They had long talks with President Jayewardene, and they were very happy with the outcome of the talks. Unfortunately, a few, a week after that or 10 days after that they had a second round of talks when some of the hardliners were present and some of the commitments that had been made in the earlier talks were withdrawn. [sentence as heard] We asked our high commissioner to go and see the president and he told him that no, they will stand by the commitment. Now, we just don't know what the Sri Lankan Government is doing. It is really for the Sri Lankan Government to decided what they want to do. Do they want to finish this problem? They have to have some political guts, they have to have some decisions and they have to step out and do it. If they do not like our help in this, we are quite willing to withdraw and not do anything. We have been accused of having camps in India. There are no training camps for militants or extremists or terrorists in India. I am very categori-

cally saying this. We have about 130,000 refugees in India from Sri Lanka. We do not want them in India, we want them to go back, and it is for the Sri Lankan Government to make conditions such that they can go back."

Referring to outside interference in Afghanistan and Nicaragua, the prime minister said: "We have said that we would like intervention and interference in Afghanistan, which refers to both the parties that are involved, to stop playing their game there and we would like Afghanistan to be a nonaligned nation. We have not refrained from speaking our minds and we would like to say exactly the same thing for Nicaragua as well. Nicaragua, we have to be slightly stronger because the United States has just passed $100 million of aid. So that is deliberate interference in the internal affairs of another country, and we do not think that this sort of action can be supported."

The prime minister expressed satisfaction at the outcome of the eighth nonaligned summit and said some action oriented program for southern Africa will emerge from the conference. "I feel that the summit has been very productive, in our official deliberations, equally productive in our talks and conversations that we have had in the lobbies behind the scene. I feel that the Nonaligned Movement will come out much stronger for the basic principles that it stands for and an international democracy against a nuclear armament, for cooperation amongst ourselves and for positive action against South Africa."

Speaking about the relevance of the Nonaligned Movement in the present world, Mr Rajiv Gandhi said "it is a new way of thinking. It is a way of getting out of thinking in terms of war and bloc. I do not claim that we have been total successfully because it is a process of change. But if we are going to reduce ourselves to talking and playing the same game (?as before) then we will not have made any progress along the route that we are trying to go on. We feel that the development in progress of civilization means a move away from war as a solution to problems. Problems should be solved sitting across the table and by discussion. Unfortunately other countries, specially those in the major power blocs, have not started thinking like this. But fortunately even in those countries the thinking people are now realizing the credibility and usefulness and correctness of the Nonaligned Movement and our way of thinking."

Turning to the question of nuclear disarmament he said "we had appealed to the nuclear weapon countries to have a moratorium on nuclear tesing and we had appealed to the Soviet Union to once more extend that moratorium. We are very glad that the Soviet Union did extend that moratorium on our request. We are still waiting for the others to stop testing."

Mr Gandhi assured India's continuous support to Frontline States. "Our economic cooperation is very old. So it is not just a new link. But we do feel that when Frontline States apply sanctions — and they have already started moving in that direction — they will have problems of their own coming from the sanctions that they apply. They will also have problems coming from retaliatory measures of countersanctions or whatever we like to call them that South Africa and Pretoria might apply. They will need help to overcome them. We will try and help them." Mr Gandhi further said that a number of areas have been identified to help Zimbabwe in its economic development. "What we have done is our homework on how we can help them. We have already identified a number of areas, we have done a lot of work and we are ready with quite a good program. The Zimbaweans presumably have done their calculations. We have not been asked for military support and we have not been thinking about it."

Praises Mugabe; Denies NAM Split

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[Excerpt] The prime minister has described the Harare resolution on concrete action as a major step forward in the history of the Nonaligned Movement [NAM]. In a chat with newsmen on board his plane while returning home from Harare, Mr Gandhi said the summit has once again affirmed the basic nonaligned principles ofs national independence and international democracy. He said the NAM is much bigger and far more revolutionary than when you pick up a gun and start shooting. It is having the courage to stay nonaligned in a world when power blocs act as pressure groups. Mr Gandhi praised the new NAM chairman, Mr Robert Mugabe, for his precise and decisive leadership at Harare. This was one of the chief reasons for the success of the conference.

The prime minister disagreed with a questioner that the movement was getting split on the controversy over the question of the venue for the next summit. Mr Gandhi said, on the contrary, the movement strongly reaffirmed its adherence to the principles of international democracy. His personal view on the issue was that well-established procedures must be adhered to when decisions are taken. This was done at Harare. [passage omitted]

Returns From Harare

BK071319 Delhi Domestic Service in English
1230 GMT 7 Sep 86

[Text] The prime minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, arrived in Bombay this afternoon from Harare after attending the eighth nonaligned summit. Mr Gandhi accompanied by the King of Bhutan, King Jigme Singye Wangchuk, was received at the airport by the Maharashtra governor, Mr S.D. Sharma, the chief minister, Mr S.B. Chavan, his cabinet colleagues and the Union Transport minister, Mrs Mohsina Kidwai.

Responds To Press Queries

BK071625 Delhi Domestic Service in English
1530 GMT 7 Sep 86

[Text] The prime minister has said that General Ziaul Haq has admitted that Pakistan has no proof to substantiate its charge that India is helping Miss Benazir Bhutto. Mr Rajiv Gandhi was replying to questions by newsmen on his return to New Delhi after attending the nonaligned summit in Harare. He said in spite of having no proof Pakistan has been making this charge. Are these the words of friendship, he asked. About Pakistan's involvement in terrorist activity in India he said we have hard evidence.

Replying to a number of questions about the Pan Am plane incident, Mr Rajiv Gandhi said it was General Ziaul Haq who told him in Harare that the hijackers were speaking Urdu besides Arabic. About conflicting reports regarding the incident emanating from Pakistan, he said it only shows that what he had said about its handling is correct. Asked by a correspondent why Pakistani authorities should have bungled, the prime minister said it is not something that is done deliberatively, but when we believe that we have the capability to tackle the situation and our assessment turns out to be incorrect things go wrong. The government is awaiting a fuller report, he added.

Replying to a question about the appointment of the chief justice of the Delhi high court, Mr Rajiv Gandhi said action will be taken according to the norms. These will not be violated.

Earlier, speaking to newsmen on board the aircraft, Mr Rajiv Gandhi said that the security aspect of the assistance being sought of for frontline African states is limited to industrial installations. The prime minister said that India has done a lot of work on what it can do to assist the Frontline States. Other countries have also done so. Assistance has been offered in terms of money, material and technical expertise. He said the 9-member committee set up at Harare with India as chairman had not been able to get together for lack of time as discussions on the venue of the next summit and ministerial conferences got extended.

Suit Seeks Bhopal Compensation From Union Carbide

BK051620 Delhi Domestic Service in English
530 GMT 5 Sep 86

[Text] The Center has filed a compensation case against the American multinational Union Carbide in connection with the Bhopal gas tragedy. The damage suit was filed in the court of the district and session judge, Bhopal, today by the joint secretary in the ministry of chemicals. The suit says the Bhopal plant of the Union Carbide had a faulty design and the management did not take adequate safety measures to prevent the gas leak. It does not demand any specific amount for compensation. It prays for a decree by the court for an appropriate amount which would fairly and adequately compensate all those who suffered in the tragedy.

Hindu, Muslim Clashes Reported in New Delhi

NC071900 Paris AFP in English
1845 GMT 7 Sep 86

[Text] New Delhi, Sept 7 (AFP) — Authorities clamped a curfew on three densely populated areas of New Delhi Sunday [7 Sep] after Hindus and Moslems went on a rampage, burning shops and attacking each other with rocks and missiles. A senior police official, Rajinder Mohan, said the areas around the historic Jama Masjid Mosque in the communally sensitive "walled city" were put under curfew after the mob fury late in the night.

He said trouble broke out after a group of people was prevented from entering an ancient monument, where there was tension earlier in the day. Hundreds of policemen were rushed to the area to prevent the violence from spreading to adjoining localities, where a young Moslem youth was killed by a Hindu mob in late July.

A police spokesman told *Agence France-Presse* that the situation was "now under control" but would not say if any arrest had been made.

Curfew Imposed, Situation 'Tense'

BK080258 Delhi Domestic Service in English
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[Text] The situation in parts of the walled city of Delhi where indefinite curfew was clamped last evening is tense but well under control. No fresh incident has been reported from the area since last night. The areas brought under curfew are Jama Masjid, Hauz Qazi, Chandni Mahal, Balli Maran and Farash Khana. The curfew was imposed following some incidents of violence and arson. The police used tear gas and opened fire to disperse the crowd. One person was killed and some others, including some policemen, were injured in the incident.

'President's Rule' Imposed for First Time in Kashmir

BK070610 Delhi Domestic Service in English
0240 GMT 7 Sep 86

[Text] President's rule has been proclaimed in Jammu and Kashmir under Article 356 of the Constitution of India. It came into force from midnight last night when the governor's rule in the state imposed earlier expired. The president's rule will be in force for 6 months. The state assembly has been kept under suspended animation [as heard]. The proclamation has been issued by the president on the advise of the governor, Mr Jag Mohan. This is the first time that Jammu and Kashmir has come under president's rule.

Punjab Police Claim Smashing of 'Terrorists' Gang

BK060750 Delhi Domestic Service in English
0240 GMT 6 Sep 86

[Text] In Punjab, police claimed to have smashed a gang of terrorists allegedly responsible for many armed robberies and gun snatching with the arrest of 4 of its 11 members. The Amritsar S.P. [Superintendent of Police], Mr Kahlon, briefing newsmen yesterday said the gang leader, Jathkar Singh of the All India Sikh Students Federation [AISSF], is absconding.

Meanwhile, district authorities in Amritsar and Ludhiana have ordered closure of all educational institutions today in view of the strike call by the AISSF in protest against the killing of 10 alleged terrorists by the BSF [Border Security Force] at the Dera Baba Nanakpura on Saturday last [30 Aug]. The order, however, does not cover central and army school in Amritsar.

2 Killed, 13 Arrested

NC071938 Paris AFP in English
1930 GMT 7 Sep 86

[Text] New Delhi, Sept 7 (AFP) — Two persons were killed in the trouble-torn Punjab Sunday as police arrested 12 suspected Sikh terrorists and a policeman missing since the Indian Army assault on the holy shrine of Golden Temple in Amritsar two years ago, the *Press Trust of India* (PTI) news agency said.

Two scooter-riding Sikh terrorists escaped after gunning down a Hindu chemist, Jhandu Ram, near a village adjoining Patiala township, some 200 kilometres (125 miles) north of here, PTI said. An unidentified man was gunned down by India's border guards at Ajnala in Amritsar District, it said, adding the victim's identity was not known. [passage omitted] The agency said Syrjan Singh, a Punjab police head constable who allegedly crossed over to Pakistan after deserting his post in 1984, was arrested at an unidentified place in the state. PTI said the police also seized two pistols and some cartridges from "six miscreants" in Patiala. The agency did not give their names or identity.

Aviation Chief Mirza Confirms 16 Killed in Hijack

BK061041 Karachi Domestic Service in English
1005 GMT 6 Sep 86

[Text] The sequences of events following the seizure of the Pan Am aircraft at Karachi Airport yesterday morning was given at a news conference this afternoon to remove confusion and set the record straight. The director general of the Civil Aviation Authority, Air Marshal Khurshid Anwar Mirza, said when the aircraft was hijacked there were about 390 passengers including the cabin crew. One passenger was shot and thrown out of the aircraft who subsequently died in the hospital. He explained that the main aim was to find out the purpose of the hijackers and to keep them calm. [passage omitted]

Replying to a question, he said 16 people have been killed, including 1 cabin crew and a ground crew. The hijackers had started shooting out inside as well as outside the aircraft. Two Indian ministers have arrived in Karachi along with a team of doctors to see the injured passengers in the hospitals and find out from them whether they would like to be treated in Pakistan or like to go to India. The ministers are Mr Jagdish Tytler, minister of state for civil aviation, and Mr K. C. Pant, minister for steel and mines. [passage omitted]

Government Condemns Seizure

BK061726 Karachi Domestic Service in English
1700 GMT 6 Sep 86

[Text] The prime minister, Mr Mohammad Khan Junejo, has expressed Pakistan Government's abhorrence at the growing tendency of terrorism and the use of violence against innocent human beings. He said Pakistan strongly condemns the latest act of hijacking of Pan American plane at the Karachi Airport by armed terrorists which has ended in a tragedy. In a statement, the prime minister said the primary concern of the Pakistan Government was to ensure the safety of nearly 400 passengers of different nationalities without yielding to blackmail. He said every effort was made to persuade the armed terrorists holding the plane to see (?reason) and the futility of their criminal action. When they started indiscriminate shooting in the plane, Government of Pakistan was left with no option but to take resolute and immediate action to save as many innocent lvies as possible. It is extremely unfortunate that a number of innocent persons were killed and several others were wounded during the rescue operation. Under the circumstances the government could not have acted otherwise and terrorists could not have been allowed to kill all the passengers.

The prime minister, on behalf of the government and the people of Pakistan and on his own behalf, conveyed sincere condolences and heartfelt sympathies to the bereaved families and the governments of the countries whose nationals have been affected. Everything possible is being done to provide medical facilities and assistance to those who received injuries during this tragic event.

He said we have been in touch with the governments of friendly countries whose nationals have been unfortunate victims of the hijacking. Facilities are being provided on humanitarian grounds to United States and India to send their medical teams and special planes to take back their nationals affected by the tragic event at the Karachi Airport.

The prime minister pointed out that at this stage it is difficult to say how exactly the armed terrorists managed to take control of the aircraft. We will conduct an immediate inquiry and take appropriate action in accordance with the finding of the inquiry. The Government of Pakistan is determined to end terrorism of all kinds and to punish those responsible for such crimes in accordance with the law of the land.

President Mohammad Ziaul Haq has in a statement in Harare today strongly condemned the hijacking of an American airliner at the Karachi Airport yesterday and said it has been Pakistan's consistent policy not to compromise with terrorists, not to succumb to their blackmail. The responsibility of the incident, he emphasized, lies clearly with those who perpetrated this act of terrorism. He said the Government of Pakistan took decisive action to prevent the desperate and ruthless hijackers from blowing up the plane and causing even more grievous loss of lives. The president said this incident is a common tragedy for thsoe countries, including Pakistan, whose nationals have been killed or injured. All nations, he added, need to join hands to eradicate the crime of terrorism. Pakistan will continue to support every effort to this end.

President Mohammad Ziaul Haq expressed his profound grief at the dastardly act of terrorism at the Karachi Airport which resulted in the tragic loss of innocent lives.

Junejo: Rescue 'Bold Action'

BK071727 Karachi Domestic Service in English
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[Excerpts] The prime minister, Mr Mohammad Khan Junejo, has said his 5-point program is aimed at bringing about an overall socioeconomic development in every part of the country and making it an Islamic welfare state. He was addressing a representative gathering of the people and elected representatives of Hyderabad division in Hyderabad this evening. [passage omitted]

About the recent incident of hijacking of the Pan Am airliner in Karachi, the prime minister said the government had secured its release in a bold manner. The hijackers, perhaps, did not know that it was not an easy task to indulge in such subversive activities in Pakistan. Mr Mohammad Khan Junejo said the people and Government of Pakistan would not tolerate any act of subversion and terrorism. Any attempt in this direction will be curbed with an iron hand.

AFP: Hijackers Reveal Origins

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[Excerpts] Karachi, Sept 7 (AFP) — The hijackers of a Pan Am Boeing 747 here have claimed they belong to a group called the International Revolutionary Organisation (IRO), and have revealed their nationalities, police said Sunday [7 Sep]. [passage omitted]

Police said Sunday that the leader of the hijackers had revealed he was Palestinian and that two other members of the gang were a Lebanese and a Syrian. A man from Bahrain was also being interrogated, police said. They said every hijacker had given six different names which had made it difficult to determine their actual identity. But during interrogation, the hijackers said they belonged to the IRO, which police believe is probably based in Beirut. [passage omitted] Police said they were searching for the hijackers' local contacts. The gunmen are likely to be tried in a special courts. Under Pakistani law, they could face the death penalty. [passage omitted]

President Returns to Karachi From Harare Summit

BK071730 Karachi Domestic Service in English
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[Text] President Mohammad Ziaul Haq arrived in Karachi this evening after attending the nonaligned summit in Harare. He was received at the airport among others by the Sind governor, retired Lieutenant General Jahandad Khan, federal and provincial ministers MNAS [Members of National Assembly] MPA's [Members of Provincial Assemblies] and senior officials.

Views Summit, Hijack

BK080340 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu
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[Text] President Mohammad Ziaul Haq has said that he is fully satisfied with the way the situation arising from the seizure of the Pan American jet plane was handled and with the commando operation carried out to save the passengers' lives and free the plane. This was stated by the president while addressing a crowded news conference last night on his return to Karachi after attending the eighth nonaligned summit in Harare. He said that Pakistan's action to secure the release of the passengers from the merciless and brutal criminals who had endangered their lives has been supported by heads of state and government participating in the Nonaligned Summit. He said that very serious consequences would have followed if the commandos had failed to take timely action. He said that the special service group personnel who started the operation as soon as the hijackers began shooting passengers were professionals and were fully trained to deal with such a situation. The president said that investigations are continuing and the results will be revealed when they are completed.

In reply to a question on the identity of the hijackers, the president said that investigations in this regard are continuing. They speak Arabic and are Palestinians and they number four. Three of them have been arrested and one is seriously injured. He said that action will be taken against the criminals according to the country's laws, adding that the the crime was committed in Pakistani territory and the criminals will be punished by the country's courts.

When the president was asked to comment on Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's statement saying that Pakistan did not deal with the situation correctly, the president said that he will have a different opinion when the facts and known to him. He said that Pakistan's action has been appreciated throughout the world and several heads of state and government have commended our operation. The president answered many questions on it from foreign media correspondents who were present in large numbers.

The president said that Pakistan, like other countries of the world, condemns terrorism and has always adopted a principled stand in this regard. Pakistan has taken effective steps whenever it has had to face such a situation. In reply to a question, the president said that Pakistan's stand on the Palestine issue is based on principles. Pakistan has always supported the stand of the Palestinians and it will continue this support. He said that the terrorists will be asked why they committed such an act in Pakistan. No connection between the terrorists and any government has been proved thus far.

The president expressed his deep sorrow over the death of innocent people in the incident and wished early recovery of the wounded. He expressed satisfaction over the arrangements for the treatment of the wounded and appreciated the services of the doctors and medical personnel and the spirit of those who voluntarily donated blood for the injured.

He said that the administration has displayed commendable work and the people of Karachi have also expressed a response befitting an independent nation.

When asked whether he had ordered the commando operation, the president said that although he was kept aware of the situation, the Sind governor chief minister under the guidance of Prime Minister Mohammad Khan Junejo dealt with this situation very well.

Replying to a question on his meeting with Libyan leader Colonel Mu'ammar al-Qadhdhafi, the president said that he had prolonged talks with the Libyan leader and he is very happy with the meeting. The president said that he wanted to know whether Libya was involved in the Pan Am plane incident. The Libyan leader denied the fact and assured him that Libya had nothing to do with the incident.

The president termed the Harare summit conference as a great achievement and said that positive results have emerged from it. He said that Pakistan actively participated in the political and economic committee proceedings and made several proposals. Pakistan adopted a clear-cut policy and stand at the conference on ending racial discrimination, supporting sanctions against South Africa, and supporting the Frontline States. The president said that Pakistan, which has always raised its voice against apartheid, feels that the South African regime will continue to subjugate the majority of the country's people until complete sanctions are imposed against it. Pakistan proposed the setting up of a fund to help the Frontline States. He said that Pakistan has pledged technical and economic assistance to these countries and other African independence movements, and it has formulated a 5-year plan for this purpose. The president said that Pakistan's solidarity with the African people was highly praised at the conference.

Referring to Afghanistan, the president said that the conference has reaffirmed its support to Pakistan's principled stand on the issue. He hoped that the Soviet Union, as a gesture of respect for the desires of the nonaligned summit, will withdraw its forces from Afghanistan.

On the Iran-Iraq war, the president said that Pakistan wants an end to this dispute on the basis of a mutually acceptable solution.

He described his meeting with Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi as useful and said that the foreign ministers of the two countries had detailed talks on points which had arisen during the meeting. The president said he had also met with several other leaders and termed them as useful. Paying his tribute to President Banana and Prime Minister Mugabe, the president said that it was his political understanding and prudence which led to the success of the conference and brought useful results. The president has since arrived in Rawalpindi from Karachi.

Ziaul Haq Tells Overseas Pakistanis No Martial Law
BK040449 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu
0200 GMT 4 Sep 86

[Text] President Mohammad Ziaul Haq has said that Pakistan was not only founded in the name of Islam but it has also been implementing this ideology. Addressing Pakistanis from Zimbabwe, Zambia, and Botswana in Harare yesterday he said, remarkable progress has been achieved in Pakistan in molding the society on Islamic principles and steps are being taken to speed up this process. The president said the country has been making adequate progress in the economic sector. There was a 4 percent increase in agriculture and a 6 percent increase in the gross national product in Pakistan last year. Exports are increasing and (?the rate of inflation) has come down to a normal level. On the internal situation, the president expressed the belief that the elected government of Prime Minister Mohammad Khan Junejo is fully capable of dealing with the situation in the country. He said, in his opinion the law and order situation in the country is not bad enough to reimpose martial law. He assured the overseas Pakistanis that there is no need to worry. The president said the people of Pakistan have political acumen and will not allow any person to create a situation impeding the democratic process.

In reply to a question, the president said neither he nor the prime minister ever closed their doors to meet and have talks with politicians. He said those politicans who criticize the government on the political situation shouild initiate the political process in their parties. He said the political process has only been initiated in one or two parties, the leadership of the other parties has been inherited or has been managed by nomination. The president lauded the spirit and patriotism of Pakistanis living in Zimbabwe and other countries in the world and advised them to work for the development and well-being of the countries in which they live. He paid tributes to the Zimbabwean prime minister, Robert Mugabe, and said he is a valuable friend of Paksitan. He said Zimbabwe was a friend of Pakistan even before attaining independence. He said Pakistan extended every possible support to Zimbabwe in its struggle for freedom.

Junejo Assures Establishment of 'Real Democracy'
BK041552 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu
1500 GMT 4 Sep 86

[Excerpt] Prime Minister Mohammad Khan Junejo has assured that his government will establish real democracy in the country and protect the life, property and respect and dignity of the people. He was addressing a large gathering at Multan railway station on his way to Sukkur this afternoon on the first leg of his extensive visit to the interior of Sind. The prime minister said that this government has ended martial law in the country and restored democratic institutions. The people are aware of the success acheived by his government during 1 and 1/2 years. The prime minister said that Pakistan was formed through a political process and it will be his government's effort to stabilize democracy in the country. He said that political parties of the Movement for the Restoration of Democracy have no program for the people, and in fact, they want only to capture power. These parties have lost the chance to take part in the elections. The present government has come into power as a result of the people's votes in the general elections. He categorically stated that no one will be allowed to disrupt the law-and-order situation or take the law into his own hands.

On postponing the public meeting in Lahore on 14 August, he said that the decision was made to maintain the sactity of the day and avoid disturbances. He regreted the fact that the opposition parties made it an issue and tried to polute the peaceful atmosphere. [passage omitted]

SRI LANKA

Premadasa Returns From Harare; Cites Gandhi Meeting

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[Text] Prime Minister R. Premadasa, who was on an official visit to Zimbabwe to participate in the eighth nonaligned summit conference held in Harare, returned to the island this morning. He was received at the Katunayake International Airport by the minister of textile industry.

Mr Premadasa attended the ceremonial opening of the nonaligned summit and the ceremony to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the movement. Later, he attended a reception hosted by Mr Rajiv Gandhi, prime minister of India, in honor of the heads of states. During his stay in Zimbabwe, Mr Premadasa met several heads of states and discussed with them matters of mutual interest and bilateral relations. During the two meetings he had with the Indian prime minister, Mr Premadasa discussed the present situation in Sri Lanka arising out of the violent acts committed by the Tamil separatists and urged that action be taken to expel the terrorists from India soil.

India Considered As Venue for Peace Talks

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[Text] Documents pertaining to the recent talks held between the government and the Tamil United Liberation Front [TULF] will be sent to the TULF leadership in Madras. Official sources told *Lanka Puwath* that India was one of the venues being considered for the next round of talks. The Indian Government was expected to bring further pressure on separatist terrorist leaders based in India to join in the negotiations and attend the next round of talks.

'Clearer' Indian Stand on Tamil Issue Praised

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[Editorial: "Clearer Indian Stand"]

[Text] Indian authorities appear to be giving clearer expression now to sentiments that the situation in Sri Lanka badly needed.

India has repeatedly called on the Sri Lankan Government to rein in any section of its troops that may be guilty of excesses. To deny that they could have taken place would be naive. To expect other countries to be taken in by every pious denial would be worse; it would be outrageously stupid. Both sides to the fighting here ought to bear that truth in mind.

Whatever their record, whetever credence they have been able to win, however successful their propaganda up to now, the terrorists are now meeting with stronger guidelines from India.

India has called on the militant Tamil forces not to attempt to disrupt the latest round of peace talks. She has indicated to them, it would seem, that she regards their heroic postures of a relentless struggle for Eelam as being more dramatic than realistic.

Equally important, the Indian authorities have given their first hint of displeasure of extremist threats and efforts to stultify the TULF participation in the talks in Colombo.

To recount a report from New Delhi, apparently the militants cannot take the Government of India's attitude towards them for granted", [quotation mark as received] if they correctly interpret the events of the very recent past.

The militants were summoned to meet the Indian Foreign Minister Shiv Shanker but had to return to Madras after two days of fruitless waiting. The coolness of the reception they got on this occasion has been ascribed to their intemperate attitude. Plainly they did not embellish their image by calling Mr. A. Amirthalingam of the TULF a traitor.

The Indian Foreign Secretary A.P. Venkateswaran, it is believed, sees no useful purpose in the extremists meeting the foreign minister until they are in a more receptive frame of mind.

Manifestly neither LTTE [Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam] leader V. Prabhakaran nor any of the other groups pledged to violence and separation can hope to fight the Government of India together with the Government of Sri Lanka.

The danger of extreme politics is always that it leads to excess and abuse.

No one says that irrationality of that type threatens only Tamil extremists demanding a separate kingdom. It could equally blind intransigent Sinhala politicians insisting on perpetually the status quo: worse still to those meretricious parties that affect opposition to any devolution of power, to any form of decentralisation and suggest instead that Provincial Councils will divide the country.

Their's too is a piece of heroic posturing: they are dubious chauvinists masquarading as crusaders of the Sinhala race. What makes their role so shallow is the fact that they do in fact see the imperatives of history, the postulates of the times. They know in their deepest hearts that genuine grievances must be redressed. Only they want to claim the kudos for themselves. They cannot possibly be opposed to peace and security. Deep within themselves they want the UNP to triumph in the bid to achieve these and so strengthen their hold on the people at the next general election. Clearly these postures cannot be lost on Indian observers, either.

Tamil 'Terrorists' Kill 2 in Jaffna Fort Camp

BK071122 Colombo International Service in English 1045 GMT 7 Sep 86

[Text] Separatist terrorists continued their offensive against the Jaffna Fort Army camp until early this morning. Government sources told *Lanka Puwath* that two security forces personnel

were killed during this attack. Another report says that terrorist attacked a security forces patrol yesterday evening at Kommadurai in Batticaloa. The forces returned fire killing one terrorist who had in his possession ammunition and a hand grenade.

Separatists Die During Security Forces Operations
BK080933 Colombo LANKA PUWATH in English
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["Oana/pool" item)

[Text] Colombo, Sept 8 (*Lanka Puwath*) — Six separatist terrorists were killed yesterday during abortive attacks on Security Forces in northern and eastern Sri Lanka, government sources told *Lanka Puwath*.

They said that three separatist terrorists were believed killed when a helicopter on patrol was fired at by a boat load of terrorists at Point Pedro. The Sri Lanka Air Force helicopter replied with retaliatary fire destroying the boat and killing three terrorists.

One terrorist jumped overboard and tried to escape but was captured. He gave his name as Sandram.

Government sources said the helicopter had moved in following a tip off by residents that a boat load of terrorists were operating in the area. The incident occurred at 1115 hours (local time). [passage omitted]

In another incident which occurred at 1700 hours (local time) at Pankulam, Trincomalee in eastern Sri Lanka, terrorists booby trapped three homes of the staff of the Assistant Government Agent (AGA). On receiving information to this effect a security forces patrol had rushed to the scene. They found two grenades fitted to the gates and two surface mines in the compound of the office.

The quarters of three of the AGA's staff were also found booby trapped. When defusing the mines they exploded causing damage to the homes. Security Forces did not suffer any casualties.

Rafsanjani: Troops Mobilize for 'Fateful' Operation
LD051708 Tehran IRNA in English
1626 GMT 5 Sep 86

[Text] Tehran, Sept. 5, IRNA — Iran's Majlis speaker and a substitute leader of the Friday Congregational prayers said here, Friday that the month of Moharram-ul-haram (September 6-Oct 4) might be a fateful month in the Iraq-Iran war. He said that responsible government officials throughout the country have been mobilizing troop to the battlefronts and Army commanders have prepared plans for military operations in the war

The Hojjat ol-Eslam who was preaching to a multitudinous group of worshippers at the compounds of Tehran University at noontime today said also that as a result of the presence of the Iranian president, Khamene'i, in the non-aligned summit meet in Harare the conference has been charged with "a revolutionary air" and that leaders of the progressive states are showing certain gestures by way of upholding Iran's stand on controversial topics.

Rafsanjani said the recent thrusts of Iran's Muslim fighters in the battlefronts and especially during the "Karbala'-2' and "Karbela'-3" operations and their capturing of the Al-Umayya oil platform had served to cut off Iraqi communications links at the Persian Gulf. He said the recent operations aimed at disarraying Saddam's forces at the threshold of the sixth anniversary of the Iraq-Iran war.

Talking on the motives of Imam Hoseyn (As) [allay-ho sallam; peace be upon him] in waging a battle with the enemies of Islam, Rafsanjani said that Imam Hoseyn's battle with the enemies of Islam had more political rather than military implications. He added that Imam Hoseyn had taken his children and family to the battlefronts not to rouse the pity of his killers but rather to give a fuller significance to his fighting against irreligious tyranny.

Rafsanjani said that Iran's Muslim people should look to Imam Hoseyn (As) and learn from his example if they wanted to prove the rightfullness of Muslims in their struggle against the "blasphemous rulers of the East and West."

In a transition to the U.S. bombing of targets in Libya on April 15, the Hojjat ol-Eslam said Muslims would remember "their attacks upon civilians in Libya and elsewhere in other countries, and they (the Americans) will eventually pay for the blood they have shed."

Saudi Foreign Minister Confers With Khamene'i
LD060556 Tehran IRNA in English
0551 GMT 6 Sep 86

[Text] Harare, Sept. 6, IRNA — The Saudi Foreign Minister Sa'ud al-Faysal, in a meeting with President 'Ali Khamene'i of Iran here Friday called for further expansion of friendly relations between the two countries. The Saudi foreign minister described approval of Iran's proposal at the Geneva OPEC conference concerning reduction in oil output, as a "positive measure in stabilising oil prices."

Sa'ud al-Faysal also extended greetings of King Fahd of Saudi Arabia to President Khamene'i and outlined possibilities for expanding mutual relations. He called for strengthening of the existing ties and expressed willingness of his country in this respect. President Khamene'i, expressing satisfaction with strengthening of relations between Iran and Saudi arabia, stressed importance of further expansion of mutual cooperation. He also praised efforts of the Saudi Arabian official in securing release of a group of detained Iranian pilgrims.

Musavi: U.S. Responsible for Karachi, Istanbul Events
LD071125 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian
1030 GMT 7 Sep 86

[Excerpt] [passage omitted] At the end of today's cabinet meeting, Prime Minister Musavi referred to the hijacked Pan American airliner and said: Today, it is the United States which is the real terrorist in the world. The recent events in Karachi and Istanbul appear to be highly dubious. Musavi added: All Islamic forces, as well as struggling forces in the world, are fighting global arrogance and Zionism. However, this struggle takes its own legitimate course; attacking people in a plane or in a synagogue cannot be accepted by revolutionary and Muslim forces. Our strong guess is that, to prepare the ground to apply more pressure on struggling forces, the United States itself perpetrated these incidents. At any rate, any harsh action by global arrogance forces would result in a more formidable response by the people.

The prime minister then added: These events take place precisely at a time when the United States is trying to create a psychological climate to attack Libya and to promote state terrorism. The recent events could have been perpetrated by Zionism and imperialism to open the way for more aggression by the United States. [passage omitted]

Khamene'i Returns From Harare Nonaligned Summit
NC080526 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian
0430 GMT 8 Sep 86

[Text] Our correspondent at Mehrabad Airport told us a few minutes ago that President Seyyed 'Ali Khamene'i returned to Tehran this morning after attending the eighth nonaligned summit. He was welcomed by the prime minister, members of the cabinet, several other state and military officials, and by diplomats and foreign representatives residing in Tehran. I would like to inform you that President Khamene'i will explain his views on the outcome of the eighth nonaligned summit tonight during the newscast on the first program of the Vision of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Clandestine Television Show Termed 'First Step'
TA081013 (Clandestine) Voice of the Liberation of Iran in Persian 1630 GMT 7 Sep 86

[Text] In the past 3 days four important events in the world caused the name of the Islamic Republic's regime to be at the forefront of the news. The first is that the barbaric plane

hijacking in Karachi was carried out by 4 persons holding Iranianpassports — operations that resulted in the death of at least 20 people and the wounding of over 100.

The second event, however, occurred in Istanbul, during which several armed terrorists massacred 23 Jews at their place of worship. According to Turkish security authorities, these terrorists were members of the terrorist Islamic Jihad organization associated with Khomeyni's regime.

The third event was the final resolution of the Nonaligned Movement's conference in Harare, issued last night, which contrary to the wish of Khomeyni and the other mullahs, stressed the need to end the Iran-Iraq war.

However, the fourth event, which according to observers was extremely amazing, occurred in Iran and in its very own center, namely Tehran. That was the 11-minute television program broadcast the night before last, Friday, on Channel 10. In this program Reza Pahlavi, Iran's young Shah, gave his compatriots, who are weary of the 7-year rule of ignorance and darkness, the glad tidings that he will return to Iran and with their assistance will save Iran and Iranians from Khomeyni's backward rule.

This successful measure by pro-constitution strugglers received extensive attention in the world's political and news circles. This morning many people in the free world read a detailed report of this revolutionary act by Iran's monarchists. From Sydney in Australia to Los Angeles in the West of the United States, and after passing through Africa and Europe, all the mass media informed the people of the world, with or without comment, of the details of the television broadcast in Tehran 2 nights ago. Our news sources in various parts of the world, in their reports, referred to the point that political observers describe the broadcast of the television program the night before last in Tehran as an obvious indication of the weakness of Khomeyni's regime, and in contrast as an expansion of the scope of struggles by Iranian monarchists. According to these observers the revolutionary act on Friday, 5 September, is considered as the first step in a series of measures that are liable to destroy Ayatollah Khomeyni's 7-and-1/2-year-old regime.

Further Reports on Combat Operations in War With Iraq

11 Iraqis Die in Shelling

LD051657 Tehran IRNA in English
1620 GMT 5 Sep 86

[Text] Ahvaz, Khuzestan Prov, Sept. 5, IRNA — Eleven Iraqi soldiers were killed or wounded and nine enemy bunkers, two observation posts and three loaders destroyed when Iranian forces shelled enemy positions across Abadan and Khorramshahr fronts Thursday, reports reaching here said.

The reports said that an Iraqi armoured unit incurred damage and enemy engineering operations were disturbed by Iranian artillery fire in Ilam and Bakhtaran Thursday. Some houses and shops were damaged in Abadan, Khuzestan Province, on the same day, when the city was hit by the Iraqi long-range artillery fire, the reports said.

In related reports from Bakhtaran, Iranian forces heavily pounded Iraqi positions in Bakhtaran and Ilam border fronts Thursday inflicting casualties on Iraqi forces and destroying four enemy bunkers and a water tank. Enemy engineering operations were also halted.

Iraqi Kurds Attack

LD061158 Tehran IRNA in English
1130 GMT 6 Sep 86

[Text] Bakhtaran, Sept. 6, IRNA — Seventeen Iraqi forces were killed and [conjunction as received] wounded in a night assault of Iraqi Kurdish Muslim revolutionaries near Shaykh Lankar, in northern Iraq, two nights ago. Three Iraqi vehicles were set ablaze and destroyed during the assault.

Successful Attack on Gunboats

LD071104 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian
1030 GMT 7 Sep 86

[Text] The Central Headquarters of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps announced that the brave men of the Navy of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps, during an intense engagement with the Zionist enemy forces at the mouth of the Khawr 'Abdallah this morning, inflicted damage and casualties on the enemy.

During the engagement, sea-borne combat units of the Guards Corps Navy inflicted substantial damage on three Iraqi advanced gunboats, killing a number of the personnel on board. Following the engagement and the loss of heavy casualties by the enemy at the mouth of the Khawr 'Abdallah, the enemy forces left the scene of conflict using a tugboat to remove one of the damaged gunboats which had been rendered immobile.

Communique No 2585

LD051655 Tehran IRNA in English
1642 GMT 5 Sep 86

[Text] Tehran, sept. 5, IRNA — Iraqi forces fired chemical shells at Iranian positions in Hajj 'Umran, northwestern fronts, Thursday martying one Muslim combatant and wounding seven others, said a military communique here Friday [5 Sep]. Joint Staff Communique Number 2585 said that some Iranian civilians were wounded when intruding Iraqi warplanes bombed Qal'eh-Tarash village on the outskirts of Piranshah, West Azarbayjan Province, Thursday.

Iranian long-range artillery heavily pounded Iraqi military centers in northwest Basra Thursday inflicting substantial casualties and losses on Iraqi forces, the communique said.

The communique said that five Iraqi soldiers were killed or wounded and four enemy light as weil as heavy vehicles and two bunkers destroyed in parts of the southern fronts Thursday where they were shelled by Iranian gendarmerie forces.

In the southern fronts, the communique said, Muslim forces of Iran reconnoitered and opened heavy artillery and mortar fire on Iraqi positions, killing or wounding a number of Iraqi soldiers and setting ablaze two enemy munitions dumps and two pieces of heavy engineering equipment. Iranian artillery fire on an Iraqi armoured unit in Yebis, southern fronts, Thursday, inflicted heavy losses on it. Enemy fire was also silenced, said the joint staff communique.

Elsewhere, the communique said that Iranian Muslim combatants fortified their positions and heavily shelled Iraqi positions and supply routes in the western fronts Thursday silencing enemy fire and disrupting Iraqi engineering operations.

Exchange of artillery fire continued in the northwestern fronts Thursday raging somewhat more heavily in Hajj 'Umran and Panjwin as a result of which Iraqi troops incurred heavy casualties and losses, the communique said.

Military activities of Iraqi infantry units in Panjwin and enemy engineering operations in Sar Dasht, both in northwestern fronts, were halted on Thursday.

According to the communique, the city of Abadan in Khuzestan Province has been sporadically hit by Iraqi long-range artillery fire since Saturday as a result of which some locations and houses were damaged.

Communique No 2586
LD061602 Tehran IRNA in English
1541 GMT 6 Sep 86

[Text] Tehran, Sept. 6, IRNA — At least 70 Iraqi soldiers were killed or wounded and parts of enemy positions set ablaze in the southern fronts Friday when they were hit by Iranian artillery fire. Several Iraqi heavy weapons were also destroyed, said a military communique here Saturday. Communique number 2586 released by the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces said that Iranian forces opened heavy artillery and mortar fire on Iraqi positions and supply routes in Hajj 'Umran, Panjwin and Sar Dasht, northwestern fronts, Friday inflicting substantial casualties and losses on them.

The joint staff communique said that several Iraqi soldiers were killed or wounded and three heavy engineering vehicles and one munitions dump set ablaze in the western fronts Friday when enemy positions were reconnoitered and shelled by Iranian combatants. All Iraqi patrol activities were also disrupted.

Iranian gendarmerie forces reconoitered and shelled Iraqi positions in parts of the southern fronts Friday setting ablaze parts of Iraqi fortifications and destroying several enemy vehicles. Enemy engineering operations were also halted, the communique said.

Iran's Navy, the communique said, intercepted and inspected one cargo ship sailing under a foreign flag in the Strait of Hormuz Friday but allowed it to continue voyage after being satisfied that it was not carrying any war-related goods for Iraq.

Muslim forces of Iran disturbed Iraqi logistical operations in Sayyid Sadiq and Panjwin and checked reconnaissance flights of enemy helicopters elsewhere in Hajj 'Umran and Kelashin [as received] on Friday, according to the communique.

Elsewhere, the communique said that a convoy of Iraqi patrols attempting to infiltrate Iranian positions in Nahr-e 'Anbar, southern fronts, Friday sustained casualties and was forced to flee under heavy artillery fire.

Iraqi engineering operations across the Arvand River and elsewhere in Mehran and Sumar were checked on Friday, the communique said.

Communique No 2587
LD071634 Tehran IRNA in English
1605 GMT 7 Sep 86

[Text] Tehran, Sept. 7, Irna — Some convoys of Iranian patrols infiltrated Iraqi positions in Panjwin, northwestern fronts, early Sunday killing or wounding several Iraqi soldiers and capturing a non-commissioned officer, said a military communique here Sunday. Communique Number 2587 released by the Joint Staff Command of the Armed Forces said that the Iranian patrols after seizing a good deal of Iraqi military hardware returned safely to their bases.

In the western fronts, the communique said, a number of Iraqi soldiers were killed or wounded and six enemy bunkers, three observation posts and two munitions dumps destroyed on Saturday when they were hit by heavy Iranian artillery fire.

Exchange of artillery fire continued in the northwestern fronts Saturday raging somewhat more heavily in Hajj 'Umran and Kolah Shin as a result of which Iraqi troops sustained considerable casualties and losses, the communique said.

The military communique furthermore said that an Iraqi patrol unit attempting to infiltrate Iranian positions in Sumar, western fronts, Saturday suffered casualties and was forced to Iranian artillery fire.

In the southern fronts, artillery duels raged more heavily in Talaiyeh, Zayd and Kushk and Iranian forces reconnoitered and opened heavy artillery and mortar fire on Iraqi positions Saturday inflicting heavy casualties and losses on enemy forces, the communique said.

Elsewhere, the communique said that Iraqi engineering operations in Majnun Islands and Pichangizeh [name as received] were checked on Saturday.

Over the same period, Iranian gendarmerie forces reconnoitered and shelled Iraqi positions in parts of the southern fronts Saturday inflicting casualties and losses on them, according to the communique.